

Minutes of the November 12, 2008 Meeting
Loudoun County Government Center
Lovettsville Room, 1st Floor
1 Harrison Street, S.E., Leesburg, Virginia 20177

Members Present: Chairman Helen E. Casey, Vice Chairman Joan Rokus (by proxy); Stephen Combs-Lafleur, John Isom, Mark Peterson

Members Absent: Benjamin Lawrence, Phil Daley, Lynn Gibson, Kurt Erickson

Advisor Present: Anne D. Larson (Catoctin Creek)

County Staff Present: David Ward, Department of Building & Development; Brian Fuller, Asst. Recording Secretary, PRCS

Guests: Hazle Edens, Fauquier County Goose Creek Association; Joseph C. Edens, Fauquier County Goose Creek Association

Chairman's Business

Chairman Helen Casey called the meeting to order, and welcomed the guests from the Fauquier County and had brief introductions. The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. in the Lovettsville Room. Stephen Combs-Lafleur made the motion to approve the September 10 meeting minutes. John Isom seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Committee Business then followed.

Committee Business

Chairman Helen Casey noted the names of the nominees to the Fauquier County Subcommittee of the Goose Creek Scenic River Advisory Committee, and the group briefly overviewed the new by-laws that had been revised at the September 10 meeting. After a brief discussion, it was decided that no further changes needed to be made.

Chairman Helen Casey updated the Committee on the status of two new land development applications along Goose Creek in the Leesburg / Ashburn area. Scenic River Golf LLC held a pre-application meeting (PRAP 2008-0086) with the Planning Department in August for a potential Rezoning and Special Exception to redevelop the Goose Creek Golf Course beside Keep Loudoun Beautiful Park into a mixed-use residential / commercial development. The proposal currently includes a 58.5+/- acre park along Goose Creek.

The second application that had been formally sent for review to the GCSRAC was Wildwood Estates (SBPL 2008-0017). The proposed Preliminary Subdivision Plat is for 10 single-family detached residential lots, and one open space lot in the TR-3 zoning district. The property is located south of the Dulles Greenway, north of Sycolin Road, and west of Goose Creek. Chairman Casey had already reviewed the plat and prepared a draft referral response, stating that the GCSRAC was supportive of the proposed 300' setback along Goose Creek, and recommended that the setback be placed in an open space easement to be granted to the County, with access for a public hiking trail along Goose Creek.

John Isom reported on the status of the Lime Kiln Farm Bridge. The new bridge had been completed, and final grading and touch-up work was being finished. John mentioned that the new bridge was a single span, that it was built on the existing piers, and that the central piling had been removed, which used to be a cause of many logjams and flooding. However, it was noted by Chairman Casey that all of the work was apparently done without obtaining local or state permits.

Mark Peterson next reported on the status of Luck Stone and their quarry properties along Goose Creek in the Leesburg / Ashburn area. Luck Stone has recently purchased 2 properties (formerly a part of the Ridgewater Park proposed development), west of Goose Creek, and now owns all properties north of the Dulles Greenway to the W&OD Trail on the west side of the creek for future quarrying needs in 50-100 years. In the meantime, the property could be used for temporary passive recreation purposes.

Mark also mentioned that the tunnel under the creek will still be completed in the future, and will happen as a condition to a Special Exception. Loudoun Water is also looking at the Luck Stone quarries for potential central Loudoun County water impoundments. Mark said that he would have more to share on these topics at the January meeting.

Watershed Management Plan

David Ward of the Building and Development (B&D) Water Resources Team presented an overview of the recently completed Watershed Management Recommendations for Loudoun County. The County contracted with CH2MHill to produce a report that was presented to the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Transportation and Land Use Committee. Dave also mentioned that B&D has also produced a "Watersheds, Wells, and Limestone in Loudoun County, Virginia" brochure for public distribution.

Draft "Where Does the Water Go" Letter Discussion

Mark Peterson reported that he had been working with Ben Lawrence to revise a letter to have the Committee be a facilitator for a discussion between the towns on local water quality. Mark said that they wanted to be careful in their language, and avoid duplication with other groups' efforts. They are working to make sure that the letter is to

be an education endeavor. Anne Larson mentioned that there may be opportunities for partnerships with the Loudoun Soil and Water Conservation District. David Ward also suggested a potential partnership with the Loudoun Environmental Stewardship Alliance (LESA).

Anne Larson Presentation

Anne presented a game that she had made from the "Common Fish of Virginia" poster. The poster was published by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF), and Anne has taken the individually-identified fish on the poster, and made a magnetic fishing game out of it. She has taken the game around to children's groups and schools, and she gives away posters, brochures, and stickers as prizes. Many Committee members tried their hand at fishing at the end of the meeting as well.

There being no further business of the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian G. Fuller, PRCS